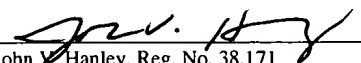


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Dear Sir:

The Applicant hereby petitions under 37 CFR 1.137(b) to revive the present application which has been unintentionally abandoned.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to completely respond to a Notice To File Missing Parts of Non-Provisional Application dated August 22, 2001. Although a response was timely filed on October 17, 2001, the response apparently did not include substituted drawings figures.

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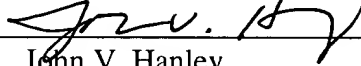
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The abandonment of the present application was not known by the undersigned until the receipt of a Notice of Abandonment dated December 5, 2003. The entire delay in completely responding to the Notice of Missing Parts has been unintentional. Filed concurrently herewith are substitute drawing figures.

The requested fee for this Petition is filed herewith. However, authorization is hereby provided to charge our Deposit Account No. 06-2425 any additional fees that may be due in connection with this filing. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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